

American Rescue Plan Act

ARPA Competitive Grants

OLIS INFORMATION SESSION

AUGUST 24, 2021

Agenda

Grant Programs Overview

Mini-Grants

Project Grants

Important Dates

American Rescue Plan Act funds for libraries are administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under priorities of the Library Services and Technology Act.

Purpose: help communities respond directly and immediately to pandemic, and related economic and community needs thru equitable approaches.

OLIS Strategy: help libraries expand digital access, support learning, and strengthen library services in their communities.

Strategy supports the goals of [OLIS Five-Year Plan](#) and priorities for the use of ARPA IMLS funds.

LSTA ARPA Competitive Grant

ARPA Mini-Grants are for small-scale projects that focus on purchasing supplies, equipment, and services to respond to COVID impacts and improve libraries' ability to provide materials and services.

Mini-Grants

ARPA Project Grants are for forward-looking projects that look outward at COVID impacts in the community, and prioritize partnerships, lifelong learning, financial or health literacy, and community/civic engagement.

Project Grants

LORI libraries and library consortia are eligible to apply for either grant. School libraries that are not currently LORI libraries may complete the LORI certification by September 15 to be eligible.

Eligibility

Mini-Grants

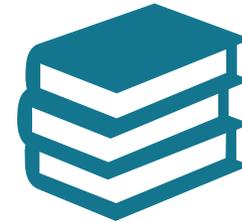
ARPA Competitive Mini-Grants fund the purchase of supplies, equipment and services to respond to COVID impacts.



Supplies for hybrid, virtual or outdoor programs



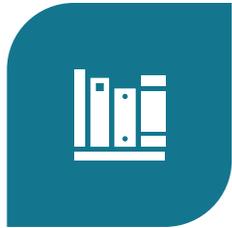
Learning/Public Programming



Print or digital collections

Grant applications
will be accepted
for projects from
\$2,500 to \$7,500.

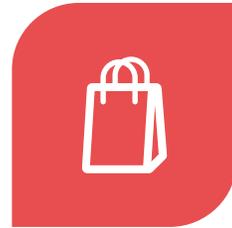
The Mini-Grant application will be an online portal with a few simple questions.



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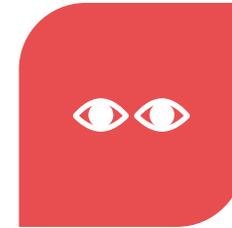
DESCRIPTION OF THE
PROJECT



DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS
TO BE PURCHASED BY
CATEGORIES



WHO WILL THE
PROJECT BENEFIT?



WHAT BENEFITS DO
YOU HOPE TO SEE?

Application Walk-through

Project Grants

ARPA Project Grants fund larger-scale forward-looking projects that address COVID impacts in the community.



Partnerships



Lifelong Learning
& Literacy



Workforce
Development



Civic
Engagement

Grant applications
will be accepted
for projects from
\$10,000 to
\$50,000.



The Project Grant application will be a longer narrative application in a fillable Word Document.

Application Walk-through

Non-allowable expenditures are the same for both grants.



CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENTS AND
CONSTRUCTION



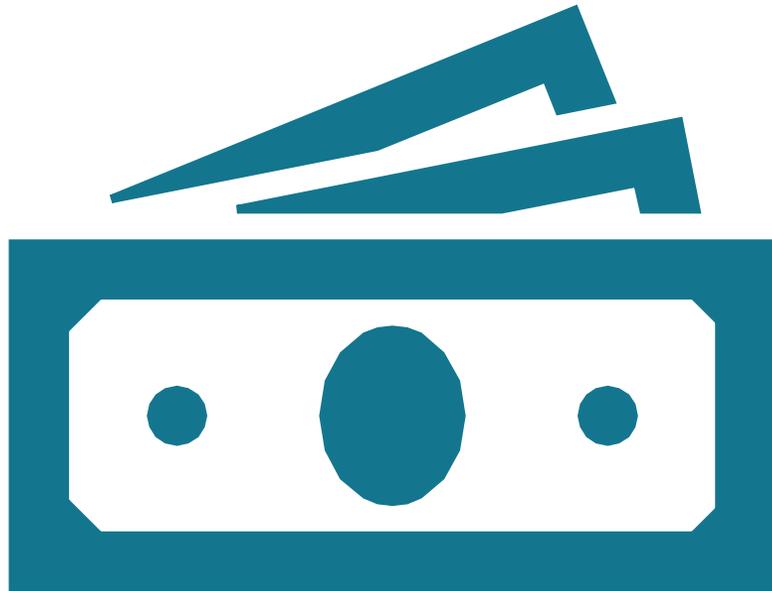
FOOD



PRIZES AND INCENTIVES



SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES
THAT GO BEYOND
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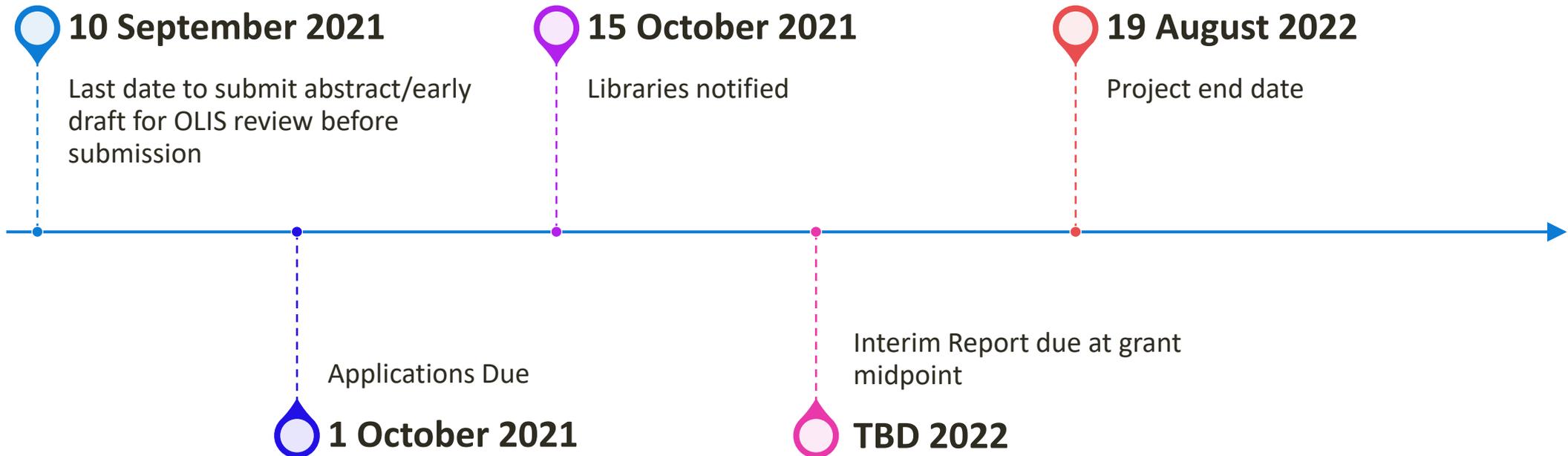


The process for managing both the Mini-Grants and Project Grants will require you to maintain financial records but will not require receipt uploading via Google Drive as other grant cycles have.



Select a
timeframe that
works for your
project.

Important Dates





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Questions?
